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CLAYMONT MAN INDICTED ON PRODUCTION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY AND RELATED CHARGES

A federal grand jury sitting in Wilmington, Delaware returned a superseding indictment today against Leonard Wasylyk, age 48, of Claymont, Delaware. Charles M. Oberly, III, United States Attorney for the District of Delaware, and Assistant Attorney General Lanny A. Breuer of the Criminal Division announced that the superseding indictment¹ charges Wasylyk with a host of child exploitation crimes, including: production, advertising, transportation, receipt and possession of child pornography; obtaining custody of a minor for the purpose of producing child pornography; and transportation of a minor with intent to engage in unlawful sexual activity. Wasylyk was been detained since his December 9, 2010 arrest on related charges.

According to the superseding indictment and court documents filed in the case, agents from the United States Department of Homeland Security conducted an online investigation in which they learned that Wasylyk was advertising and sharing images of child pornography with members of a private online network of child sex offenders. Law enforcement agents executed a search warrant at Wasylyk's Claymont residence and arrested Wasylyk on December 9, 2010. Law enforcement agents recovered a computer from Wasylyk's bedroom found to contain thousands of images depicting mostly underage boys engaged in sex acts with other boys or

¹ Indictments are only charges and are not evidence of guilt. A defendant is presumed to be innocent until and unless proven guilty.

adult males. During a forensic examination of the computer, agents discovered images of a minor boy engaged in sexually explicit conduct in Wasylyk's bedroom. It is alleged that Wasylyk obtained custody of the boy and drove him from Southeastern Pennsylvania to Delaware, where Wasylyk produced the sexually explicit images of the child.

On the charge of obtaining custody of a minor with intent to produce child pornography, Wasylyk faces a mandatory minimum sentence of 30 years, to a maximum sentence of life, in prison. On the charges of producing and advertising child pornography, Wasylyk faces a mandatory minimum sentence of 15 years, to a maximum sentence of 30 years, in prison. On the charge of transporting a minor with intent to engage in unlawful sexual activity, Wasylyk faces a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years, to a maximum sentence of life, in prison. On the transportation and receipt of child pornography charges, Wasylyk faces a mandatory minimum penalty of 5 years imprisonment and a maximum term of imprisonment of 20 years. On the possession of child pornography charge, Wasylyk faces a maximum sentence of 10 years imprisonment. Subsequent to any release from prison, Wasylyk would be placed on a term of supervised release for a mandatory minimum of five years, to a maximum of life. On each charge, Wasylyk faces a maximum fine of \$250,000, and the possibility of lifetime supervised release.

This case is being investigated by the Department of Homeland Security, Homeland Security Investigations. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Edward J. McAndrew, and Trial Attorney Thomas Franzinger of the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section.

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